

Weigh Locks on the Delaware and Hudson Canal

There were only two weigh locks on the D&H canal: the first just east of Hawley (downstream, East, from the Hawley basin), the second at Eddyville (at the Tidewater Lock). The weigh lock at Hawley was used by boats consigned to points between Hawley and Eddyville; also to gauge tolls to be charged for coal shipped by the Pennsylvania Coal Company. All other boats, for external points, were weighed at Eddyville.

At the beginning of the season, the boats were weighed empty at Eddyville and the boat's name and number and weight were recorded at the collector's office. When the boat returned loaded to Eddyville, it was again weighed and the difference noted, thereby indicating the tonnage of the cargo.

The weigh lock on Lock 30 is shown on the map that illustrates the deed, dated September 3, 1851, between Stephen Torrey and wife / Russel F. Lord and wife / Thomas H. R. Tracy and wife / Jacob B. Fitch and wife and The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company. That deed is given in D&H Deeds PA (collection of the Carbondale D&H Transportation Museum) on pages 227-229; the map is on page 229. Here is that map:

